THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Mega project for National Sea Route

2533. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for taking up of a mega project for the establishment of a National Sea Route and Associated Maritime Infrastructure Projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a Joint Coordination Committee for implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) In the context of the exercise undertaken to formulate a policy for the Maritime Sector (Ports, Merchant Shipping and IWT) and the National Maritime Development Programme, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for establishment of National Sea Waterways along the North Coastal Andhra Pradesh with the associated development of Coastal and Marine Infrastructure of Ports/Warehouses and complementary development of Coastal and Marine Infrastructure and IMO compliances, for consideration and approval of the Central Government. The Project component includes development and establishment of new ports at 10 locations, development and construction of 4 trestle structures, improvements to existing minor ports, logistics and warehouses, sub-projects like ship-repair facility, fish landing and fishery infrastructure, oil spill response unit, ship breaking yard, coastal tourism and recreational infrastructure, sheltered waters and ports of refuge as also preparation of Detailed Project Reports. The total project estimate as furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 6,050 crores out of which an amount of Rs. 1,353.63 crores is proposed from private sector and financial support of Rs. 4,699 crores

for implementation over a two year programme has been sought from the Central Government.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Pace of road construction

†2534. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decline in the pace of work of construction and extension of inter State roads and highways has been registered in last few years;

(b) the length of inter-States roads and highways in kilometres, State-wise and year-wise constructed and extended, during last three years; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to expedite this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. State-wise length of inter-State connectivity roads completed under Inter-State Connectivity and Economic Importance scheme during the last three years are annexed.

(c) Monitoring of these works is done on regular basis.

Six-laning of Highways

2535. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have okeyed Rs. 22,750 crores package for developing four-lane highways into six-lane in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of highways that would be converted into six-lane in the Orissa State?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.